

The Hampden-Sydney Tiger

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"The Hampden-Sydney student will behave as a gentleman at all times and in all places."

We've Got Issues

TO MANNER BOUGHT,
TO MANNERS BUMMED

GOD HELP US ALL

A Gentlemanly Guide to Living in the 21st Century

Dear Reader, there comes a time in the life of every historic institution when its denizens must decide to either die on the hill (pun) of its traditions or turn tail and evolve. For just one issue, we here at the Hampden-Sydney Tiger want to give you a crash course in the latter.

Before we begin our venture into modern etiquette, the Tiger would like to remind you that journalism is no longer the cash cow that it once was, and so if you'd like to feed a hungry editing team our Venmo is @TlgerHSC. Now we can get started.

H-SC, our beloved alma mater, has a reputation for furnishing the world with gentlemen, statesmen,

and/or drunkards. As times change, so too do the requirements and standards of most of those three archetypes.

Darwin writes that nature naturally selects the strong to persist. Manners are no different; outdated traditions are left in the dust and the new standards shine

the circle; if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

But some things were broken and have been fixed; in order to help you digest such a deluge of growth in etiquette, we have assembled a guide to the conduct of a modern Hampden-Sydney man—a gentleman most of the time, most plac-

ney man must be as stylish, poised, and mannerly when at a darty as he is at a soirée. So, we present a casual counterpart for Mr. Shomo's brilliant book for when you're at a party without black tie.

Such a familiar and esteemed template, rejuvenated with cutting-edge mediocrity, deserves a name just as catchy: *To Manner Bought, To Manners Bummed*. We put almost as much thought into the title as we did into getting dressed this morning.

So tie your sweatpants tight, pop on that baseball cap (backwards of course), put those crocs into sport mode, don that unwashed sweatshirt, and prepare to be ettiquetted.

Letter From The Staff

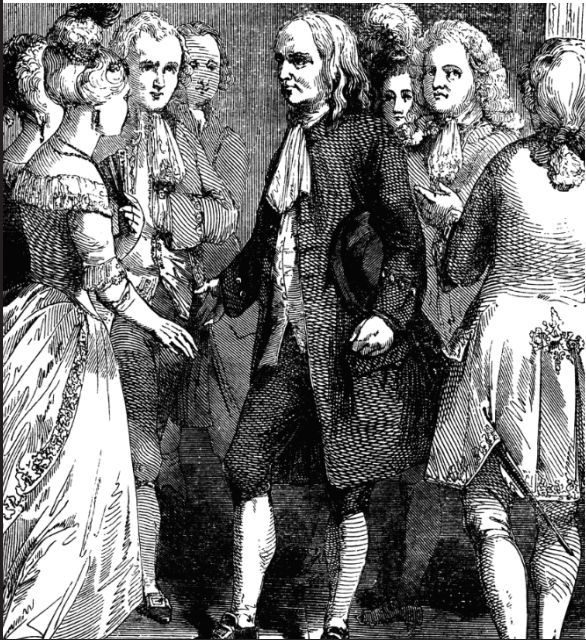
bright. Gone are the dusty relics: the tie, the dress shoe, the pipe, and the snuffbox. Now we don the chain necklace, the slides (with socks), the vape one hides from his mom, and the omnipresent Zyn.

Such is the natural order of things. But, as Hank Jr. reminded us, "A Country Boy Can Survive." So too has country music and some shining vestiges of our old alma mater. Just as strongly as the heart of academic tradition beats on this campus, a rowdy and vibrant social scene persists and music from the golden days of outlaw country and classic rock echo from

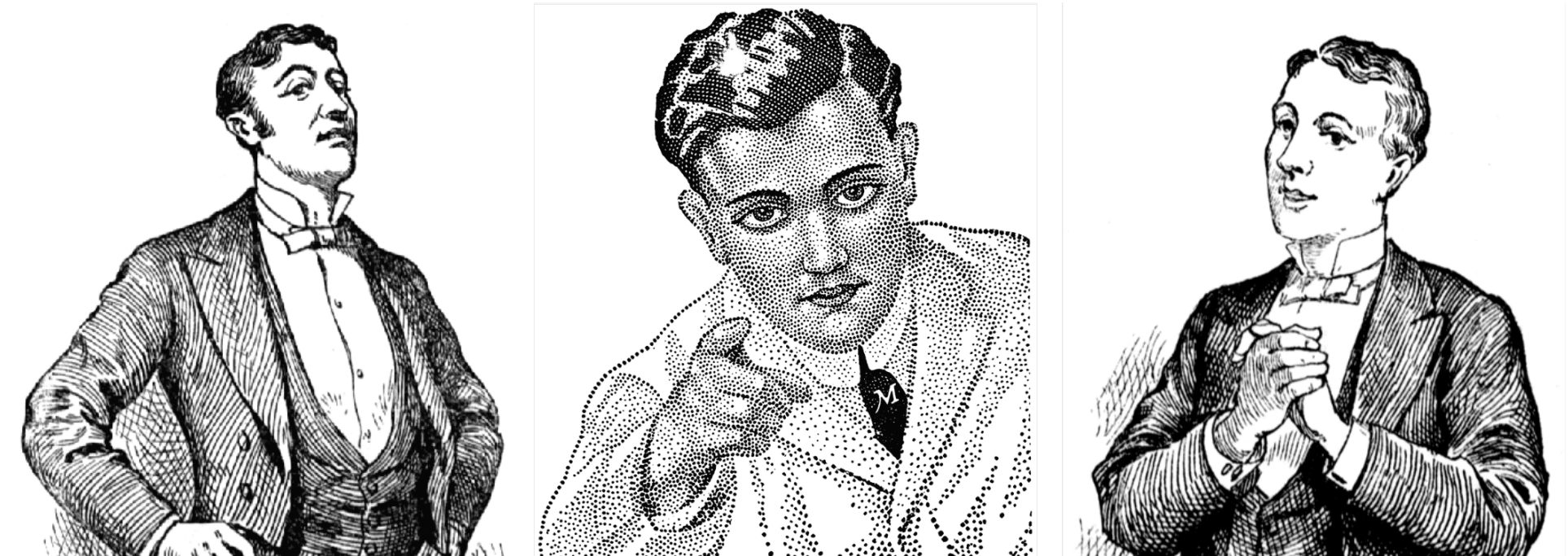
es, for the most part. We take as our inspiration the watershed book of etiquette by Mr. Tommy Shomo '69: *To Manner Born, To Manners Bred*.

The book itself is a cornerstone of Hampden-Sydney culture—Mr. Shomo has catalogued in amazing detail the demands and counsels of propriety for our own benefit. The hallmark of a Hampden-Sydney man is not that he is always dressed to the nines or acts like he's at a dinner party around the clock—but he can when he needs to.

We will not, however, be caught unprepared when not at a dinner party. A Hampden-Syd-



DRESS



FACULTY DRESS

JACK DANIELS
WHISKY KING

The College attracts many well-dressed gentlemen who possess exquisite fashion sense. It also hires many male faculty. (The mannered gentleman, imbued with the traditional sexism of our type, does not judge the sartorial choices of women, and thus no advice is provided accordingly.) While these faculty possess “style” in terms of imagination and individuality, it behooves the most mannered of students to make gentle suggestions about fashion to your male professors, unless you should be so lucky as to take courses with Dr. Coombs — there, your gentle admonishments should be directed towards civility in the classroom, for the well-mannered faculty member does not -bark out “Silence!” like a carnival tout. Language, sir.

Before we can speak to quality and tradition, we should establish a certain foundation: how should the well-mannered male faculty member dress? A few brief rules may be suggestive:

1. Male faculty, do not wear shorts. Shorts are for German tourists, schoolboys, and the holidays. They are not for a faculty member, even if they should happen to teach philosophy.
2. Dungarees or denim pants (or “jeans”) are eminently suitable workwear — for a cowboy, a factory worker, or the Genoese Navy.

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A DECLARATION FROM THE PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

DR. HEIGHT
RESIDENT THINKERER

On April 2nd, the Hampden-Sydney Philosophy Department issued the following statement:

“ W H E R E A S , Hampden-Sydney College is committed to fostering an environment of sound learning;

WHEREAS, the students of the Hampden-Sydney Philosophy Department must consistently exhibit those three aforementioned virtues;

WHEREAS, the Professors of Philosophy at Hampden-Sydney College are getting tired of their students commenting on their clothing;

THEREFORE, The Hampden-Sydney Philosophy Department hereby mandates a dress code of short-sleeved button-down shirt, cargo shorts, digital watch, and hiking boots to be observed by and for the good of all students pursuing a major degree in philosophy. Violations are punishable by Micropapers.

S i g n e d , Patrick Wilson, Ph.D
Marc Hight, Ph.D
Michael Dale, Ph.D, by association”

WHEN IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO WEAR PAJAMA PANTS

DR. O. W. ZIE
PROFESSOR OF SOMNOLOGY

Many professors have pointed out and poo-pooed the recent trend of wearing pajama pants to class, claiming that doing so is unprofessional and even discourteous. But, as history has shown us, professors have often been the last to accept change, no matter how beneficial.. From the written word to the internet, the smartest among us have always been cautious of new innovations, due largely to their tendency to make them actually improve themselves. Unfortunately, this bias against wearing sleepwear during the day - or “stealthwing” as the kids call it these days - prevents society from progressing to a higher, more efficient state.

In the original text of *To Manner Born, To Manners Bred*, Mr. Shomo writes in his section on dress that “the issue... is style vs. fashion.” I argue that pajama pants not only satisfy both categories but also improve upon them. Let us consider style first. Mr. Shomo claims that style is unique to a person, something that distinguishes them from the crowd. Well, in a society where pajama pants are largely absent from the workplace,

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DRESS FOR THE MODERN MAN

JIM BEAM
WHISKY KING'S FOOTSTOOL

The standard of dress has evolved since the days of our last printing, when the pages of the kaleidoscope were filled with legions of Hamsters in blue blazers, khakis, and rep ties. While some more formal suitings have their place at the Hampden-Sydney of today, much has changed with the expectations of society. This will be a short guide on the appropriate styles of the day for various occasions.

Casual or Informal: T-Shirt and shorts (and PJs)

Casual may sometimes mean disheveled or uncoordinated, but it never means dirty or classless. These days the t-shirt and shorts will satisfy most occasions throughout the week. Your t-shirt says a lot about you, so pick a good one. A shirt bearing the Hampden-Sydney logo from a sports game or other event never hurts, but if you want to really express yourself being discriminating in what brand logo, nascar driver, beer, or band you advertise is the way to go. Being a walking advertisement for a brand is generally tacky unless that brand happens to be one easily subsumed into the pantheon of college culture. Vineyard Vines, Southern Tide, Old Row, etc. are always great choices. As far as shorts go we have yet to be touched by the increasing trend of bagginess besieging campuses across the country. Cargo pockets are still left securely in 2006, and “the shorter the better” is still law. Athletic shorts are on the nicer end of the spectrum, in the vein of Lululemon work for many occasions, but if you want to kick it up a notch the classic khakis (in whatever color) will do nicely. The guideline on pajamas is one that should be intuited

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GENERAL ETIQUETTE

MEETING PEOPLE: AN UPDATED GUIDE

SHOMMY TOMO
ACTUALLY NOT WHO YOU
THINK IT IS

The formal handshake, a pleasant “How do you do?” These are artifacts of ages past, for the modern era and the 21st Century something new is required. Not only are formal greetings of “Hi, how are you?” and “It’s so nice to meet you!” outdated and boring, they make it difficult to relate to the new and hip generation. Today I will go about updating the greeting guide, helping you (whether you be a fresh faced Gen Z or a moldering boomer) greet people properly.

Greeting New People: There are three easy ways to greet individuals you have not met before

1) **The Fist Bump**
A staple greeting that should be a part of every distinguished gentleman’s arsenal. The fist bump is simple, easy to execute, and prevents any real contact that may indicate mutual respect or warmth.

2) **The Easy Ask**
Opening with a simple, easy question can help to break the ice with a stranger. Try “Can a brother borrow a cig” or “Do you think intentions are relevant when weighing the overall morality of an action from the perspective of an objective calculus, or is it simply the resultant consequences of said action which determines its moral worth?”

3) **The Shifty Shuffle**
Looking people in the eye is uncomfortable and hard. Thankfully the modern man has a tool for greeting people without looking them in the eye. When meeting a new person, shuffle your feet on the ground and stare firmly at them.

There is nothing that indicates confidence more to a stranger than a total lack of eye contact. Accompanying this shuffle should be a barely



audible classic greeting such as “How do you do?” Or “Nice to meet you.” Additionally, be sure that your hands remain firmly in your pockets in order to preclude any possibility of a handshake, halting high-five, or other form of physical contact.

Greeting Friends
Greeting people you’ve met before, but have yet to cultivate a familiar bond with can be a somewhat confusing task.

Notably, *To Manner Born, To Manners Bred*, completely neglects this complex subject. Fear not, I am here to help you navigate these treacherous waters.

1) **The Head Nod**
The head nod has been a growing trend among the gentlemen of the 21st cen-

tury and serves as the perfect way to greet an acquaintance. Once you have located an acquaintance that you wish to greet simply nod your head down in a quick motion and continue on your way. Be sure to press your lips together in a facial expression which is almost (but definitely not) a smile. This will convey the perfect sense of lukewarm indifference that befits a casual acquaintance.

Note: Under no circumstances should you nod upwards to an acquaintance. The upwards head nod is reserved solely for close friends and family.

2) **The What Up?**
Asking a simple “What’s up?” Or “Sup dog?” Serves as another effective way to greet an acquaintance. This method provides the additional utility of allowing you to ex-

tend the conversation should you wish, while also ensuring that you don’t have to engage in a meaningful way with the acquaintance.

3) **The Wave**
A much more traditional greeting, the wave, though still a relic from the past, retains some value as a simple gesture which can indicate mild familiarity, without being overly enthusiastic or friendly. This makes it perfect for greeting acquaintances with whom you do not desire to speak at the present moment and can be deployed quickly while hurrying on your way.

Greeting Old Friends
When you encounter old friends, different and more familiar greetings are permissible, I shall provide you with some of the more modern greetings for the modern man.

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STICKY FINGERS: GETTING RID OF USED ZYNS

FAT COUNT
COOKOUT FIEND

We’ve all been there. You needed that extra kick-in-your-pants this morning, so you pop in a Zyn. Already you feel those neon vibes washing over you, relaxing you and focusing you on the work ahead. But when that feeling fades away, where does that leave you? With a wad of cloth (that you’re pretty sure is the same material they make diapers out of but God knows you don’t want to think about that) stuck against your upper gums. What’s worse, it’s starting to burn a hole in the aforementioned gums, and you’re convinced that you’ll lose some teeth if you don’t do something fast. But you’re in public for

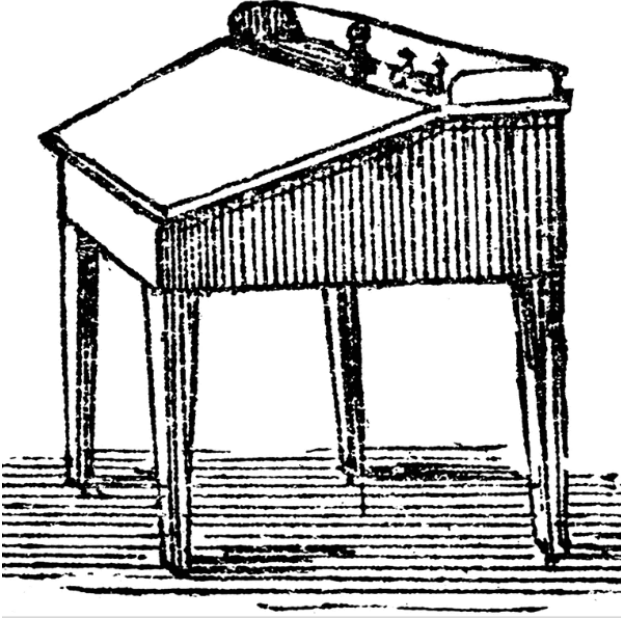
crying out loud; and, if you’re completely honest with yourself, flinging a Zyn on the ground is not nearly as cool as stomping out a cig. In this situation, you probably feel that everyone is looking at you, that you can’t put it anywhere without someone finding it, and that you’ll be accosted by the authorities the second you take it out of your mouth. Lucky for you, dear reader, every piece of that previous statement is false, and I am here to show you why.

Everyone is Looking At You
Some men are born to be special. Sorry to say it, dear reader, odds are that you aren’t. In most scenarios, this would be a bad thing; but, in regards to that little cloth you’ve got stuck in your mouth, it’s the best news

ever. It means that, instead of everyone constantly critiquing your every move, no one is. Frankly, if people didn’t notice that ridiculous haircut your mother gave you in the fourth grade, they sure as Sam won’t notice you slipping a Zyn in a convenient location. For those of you who actually appreciated your mother’s pruning skills, you might even take advantage of your obscurity and dispose of your Zyn with a friendly pat on the shoulder.

You Can’t Put It Anywhere
False! Besides the trash can, there are numerous other alcoves and islands where you can discreetly dispose of your Zyn. There’s always the tried-and-true method of sticking it under a classroom desk (No one chews gum anymore, anyways). If there are no desks available, look for chairs. If there are no chairs available, look for open spots in the wall (preferably in the back of the classroom). If there are no walls, you are outside, sir. Just toss it in the grass. They mow the lawn around here almost

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TOILET ETIQUETTE

WHIZZING WALLY
STORMTROOPER

Though many (but certainly not all) of us are potty trained here at H-SC, oftentimes I see a simply disgraceful ignorance of proper manners regarding bathroom etiquette. That’s why I am here today, to share some simple and easy lessons on how to lay a log with grace and suave.

Peeing on the seat: do’s and don’ts
Do: Pee on the entire porcelain surface on the seat, it’s impolite to do things halfway and reflects a lazy character.
Do: Sprinkle a little extra on the floor, the semi-dry urine nicely complements the masterpiece on the seat.
Don’t: Attempt to clean it up, there’s nothing people enjoy more than seeing your pee splattered on every possible surface in the bathroom.
Don’t: Wash your hands after, especially if you are planning to handle tongs or other frequently used items. Spreading your junk germs helps the immune systems of your fellow HSC brothers. Didn’t you learn anything during Covid?



To Flush or Not to Flush:
After one drink too many, you know deep within your soul that it’s all about to come right back up. In these critical moments you need to carefully consider where you are going to aim once you have reached the bathroom stall. Remember, in shared public spaces there is nothing people enjoy more than bodily fluid (particularly vomit) splattered along every available surface. At this point, I must commend the ecologically minded men at Hampden-Sydney, you all have intuitively figured out (even in the deepest depths of inebriation) that the water we flush

P u k i n g :
There seems to be some confusion about whether or not one should flush the toilet after using it. I want to clear the air and outline how a gentleman should approach a bathroom transaction with grace and manners. As aspiring men of class, you should remember that you are too important to waste time by flushing the toilet. It is a *privilege* for whoever uses the bathroom after you to get to see (and smell) your decaying fecal matter in the bowl. Remember, a Hampden-Sydney man will behave as a gentleman in all times and in all places, and a gentleman never flushes.

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ETIQUETTE AT WORK

MANNERS AND ADMISSIONS

JOHNNIE WALKER
SCOTTISH ONLOOKER

As gentlemen, students at the College are ever ready to help the Office of Admission recruit new generations to become good citizens and new men. Genteel manners are one of the selling points of the College, and every student should seek to present both one’s own and the College’s best face forward in speaking with potential admittees. While the Office of Admission staff may feel the need to “seal a deal” in recruiting, a H-SC man knows that true manners comes both from assisting a potential student and in maintaining a sense of decorum. As such, these ten rules are essential.

1. The gentleman, whether escorting visiting groups or hosting an overnight prospective student, should dress the part. Slacks, a smart blazer, and an H-SC bowtie will represent both the College and yourself to your best positioning.
2. A good man does not speak ill of others, and thus manners forbid speaking ill of oth-

er institutions, even The College in Ashland. Allow other institutions’ lack of manners, low standards, and embrace of co-education speak against them on their own.

3. If one must refer to the food, remember that a gentleman does not complain — but also does not lie. A simple offhand reference to how the food hardly compares to the culinary delights of your family’s preferred country club is both truthful and requires you to speak no ill of the Commons. (Always, sir, the Commons — not “the Moans.” Manners, sir.)
4. Be punctual and attentive. Remember that a prospective student is unaware that proper manners at H-SC allow for 35-minute bathroom breaks

during class, Tiger Days, and ignoring deadlines. They will learn this after they matriculate at the College.

5. Do not mention Daniel Nivens ‘24 more than five times in a conversation with a potential applicant. While the College is delighted that Mr. Nivens will be attending Harvard Law, the reality is that some new applicants may have other career paths. It would not be wise to intimidate a potential student with the news that Mr. Nivens will be attending Harvard. Too oft mention — that he will be attending Harvard — may be read as braggadocio on the College’s behalf. It is further true that Daniel Nivens could come to resent the feeling that men-

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THE ETIQUETTE OF THE GUEST LECTURER

GALATEO
PURVEYOR OF ITALIAN MANNERS

A distinguished guest lecturer is coming to campus. You know he is distinguished because your professor told you so although you have never heard of him. You may have caught a glimpse of a poster plastered on a door along with a dozen others – mostly by a fellow students running for an office – but now it is serious; extra credit is involved. Not much, true, but since your last semester GPA was just slightly higher than the legal limit to dive, even this modest boost cannot be ignored.

Arrival time is important. The lecture begins at 7:30, and you know it is rude to be late. However, if you arrive too early, you

may end up on the main floor of Crawley or the front seats on the 4th floor of Bortz. Arrival time has nothing to do with being able to hear the speaker or to see the power point; it is all about facilitating your exit.

Try to arrive in Crawley just a couple of minutes before 7:30, so it appears that you are too polite to disturb those already seated on the main floor and, therefore, graciously take a seat or stand (all the better to slip away) in the lounge area. Just before the lecture begins, the sponsoring professor may invite those in the back to come forward to fill empty chairs, but you and the professor know why you are where you are, so you can ignore this. In Bortz, get as far back from the speaker as

possible and on the east side which provides access to the stairs and elevator, although the stairs allow a faster escape.

If you have accepted the invitation to have dinner with the speaker, you are committed to sit up front, seem to pay attention, and applaud vigorously. Disappearing on the walk between dinner and lecture is not acceptable.

It is rude to get out your phone in the first 30 minutes. Laptops should not be employed unless the speaker nears the 60-minute mark. A gentleman should be able to pretend interest for 45-60 minutes. At 60 minutes, escape is acceptable since there is highly likely to be a “We have time for a few questions.” announcement after the lecture. The first question is usually asked by the sponsoring professor, who you know spent a couple hours before the lecture having dinner with the speaker and could have asked that question then, and since the answer is even of less interest to you than the lecture, this understandably is annoying.

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PAJAMA PANTS, CONT'D

of fashion. Fashion, Mr. Shomo claims, is a fad that sweeps large swaths of people at one time. He cautions against focusing on it due to its temporary and expensive nature. But never fear, dear reader, pajama pants are neither of these things. In fact, they

have been around forever and are relatively inexpensive. If they become mainstream, one can be fashionable without enduring the costs of fashion. A win-win scenario for us all!

Instead of trying to turn back the tide of time and revert to a more prim-

itive state of clothing, let us embrace this brave new world and don the pajama pants of progress! Let us choose comfort over conformity! Let us choose cheapness over class! Let us choose pajama pants! In fact, let us go further. I propose

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TOILET ETIQUETTE, CONT'D

away eventually goes straight to the ocean. As a result, I see evidence of the great pains taken to avoid hitting the toilet bowl at all costs with the numerous regurgitations along the walls and floor of the bathrooms.

Once you have completely

purged the alcohol from your digestive system, be sure to stumble back to your room and tell no one about the surprise you’ve left for your hall mates. No one likes a braggart and it’s the ultimate mark of gentlemanly modesty to create a Picasso of Puke on

the floor and to take no credit for your artistry. Make no attempt to clean it up either, it is someone else’s job to clean up after you, that’s why we hire janitors after all. Leaving vomit along every available surface gives people something

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DRESS FOR THE MODERN MAN, CONT'D

individually. It is generally frowned upon to wear fuzzy pants with SpongeBob on them to class, but if the choice is between wearing them and taking a tiger day, then by all means do so.

Semiformal: The Polo and Khakis

Yesterday’s blue blazer is today’s polo. It will suffice occasions save ones where coat and tie are required. Past Hampden-Sydney men would have frowned upon the notion of wearing a

polo without a little alligator or a “100% Cotton” tag, but preparing for heightened performance in today’s globalized economy requires performance fabrics. The dri-fit polo from a legacy brand like Brooks Brothers or a more specifically golf-related brand will fit all but the most demanding of occasions. Khakis follow the same lines, but of course don’t count cotton out. Shorts will also work for warmer occasions. You’ll want

to be more conservative with sneakers for semiformal occasions. The On running shoe and the classic Sperry tend to be popular options, but even a good pair of flip flops can be made to look “business casual. For the most demanding occasions shy of a jacket and tie situation a button-up shirt is sometimes needed as well, for which there are a variety of patterns that work. Whatever the pattern, wear it with confidence.

Formal: The Coat and Tie

Times where the coat and tie are necessary are becoming few and far between in the world, with probably the majority of undergraduates in America being able to count on one hand the times they had to dress up that much in their 4 years. Hampden-Sydney retains more of these sorts of functions, though they themselves are growing fewer in number. Where the alternatively dread-

ed or well-received words “coat and tie required” are heard, one must know what to do with oneself. For most occasions save perhaps funerals or job interviews, a suit and a blazer and khakis (or even jeans) are interchangeable. Half the time you can get away with not even wearing a tie, but when you must, it’s important to distinguish whether to wear a gift from your father sort of tie or a cheap polyester one you can

afford to have beer spilled on. When the occasion includes a meal, a bowtie is a good option to avoid staining as well.

In conclusion, though times have changed, and maybe standards with them, the Hampden-Sydney man should still conform to the former Dean Fleck’s old quote: “I realized that although Hampden-Sydney men do not dress up all the time, they know when it is appropriate to dress up.”

ETIQUETTE AT LEISURE

MANNERS FOR THE MORNING AFTER: A DINING GUIDE

PLATO
IDIOCRAT

Congratulations, you got lucky last night! However if you awaken to find she is still in your room, you will suddenly be faced with a difficult decision: where to take her for breakfast? Fear not, I am here with a few simple options that will help you make a tactical decision about where to take your one-night-stand for food and a quick farewell.

Option 1: Just send her packing

Always an option, if money is tight or it really wasn't good remember that the sunk-cost fallacy is real,

and you don't need to invest any more into a lost cause. Just utter a meaningless platitude like "I had a great time last night" and show her the door. While this option may be budget friendly, it runs the risk of giving you the reputation of a cheapskate, so be sure to keep that in mind before exercising this choice.

Option 2: Bojangles

An excellent choice, quick and easy while not being to hard on the wallet. I would recommend this choice if you think you may want to text her back at some point. As an added bonus, if she's from up north, it's possible she's never been to a Bojangles

before. Use this ignorance to pretend that Bojangles is the pinnacle of southern fast food dining and that you are treating her to a delicacy. Order the Bo-Berry Biscuit to go and send her home happy.

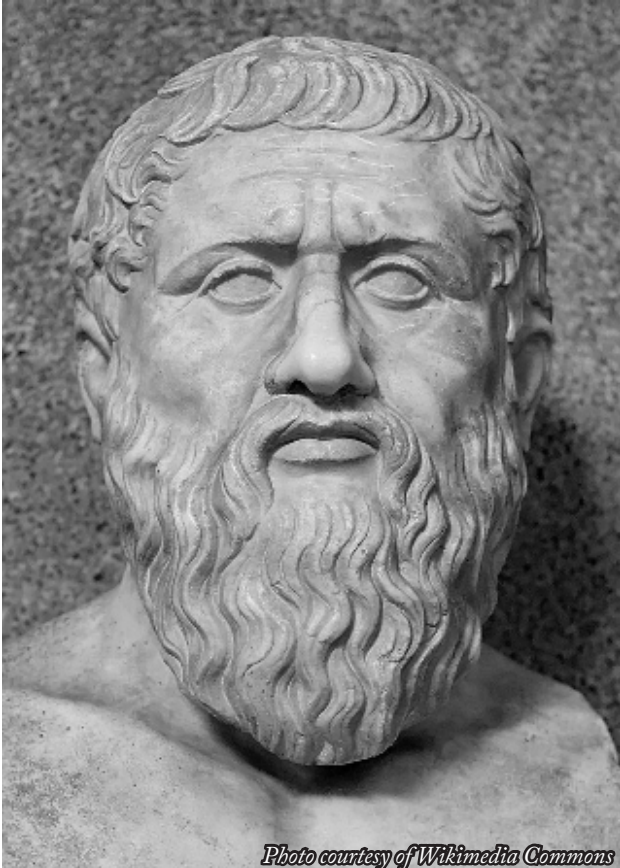
Option 3: Moans

If you are paying for the guests swipes, might as well use 'em. Bring her to Moans and let her get a taste of some delicious breakfast pizza, suspiciously sourced fish, or overcooked greens. Moans is conveniently located on campus and will be sure to have something she will like. The drawback to this option is the very serious concern of whether or not you

want to be publicly seen with her. If you wish to smuggle her away, sight unseen, this is not the option for you.

Options 4: Charlie's Waterfront Cafe

Charlies is the best Farmville has to offer. If you are taking her here for the morning-after you are either more financially stable than any college student has a right to be or seriously considering popping the question after one night. While this option certainly has romantic appeal, unless you are looking to secure a second date (Heck, if you aren't sure she's the one), consider a more budget friendly option.



Plato(Pictured): Known Fan of Option #1

Conclusion

Using this guide, you can preserve your reputation as a lover and as a gentleman, while also making the tactical choice for your hookup. Remember: A Hampden-Syd-

ney man is a good citizen, and a good citizen is always prepared. I wish you the best of luck in your future amorous endeavors and hope to see you feeding your paramour in style.

A GENTLEMAN’S GAME: TASER TAG



DR. BARNABY BENEDICT III
“TAZE ME BRO!”

At Hampden-Sydney, sportsmanship is one of the most revered qualities a man can have. Using the natural landscape of the campus, students from all walks of life find the most whimsical activities to partake in. Some throw a frisbee disk out on the lawn outside of Cushing. Others sit by Chalgrove Lake, with a fishing rod in one hand and an ice-cold beer in the other. However, the most prized game at Hampden-Sydney is a unique blend of strategy, cunning, and gentlemanly playfulness:

Taser Tag. Taser Tag is the game that truly represents Hampden-Sydney at its best. Every participant is given a taser and one is chosen to be “it”. These tasers must not produce high voltage, so as to not seriously injure any participants. The status of being “it” can only be removed by tasing another individual. This can happen at any time of day and any place, whether it be in the library, the dorms, or in the classroom. A points system has been devised that is based on the amount of time it takes for someone to tag another person. While the game of Tag can seem archaic

to some, the ingenuity of the Hampden-Sydney Man takes this mundane game into something incredible for all to participate in. The historical origins of taser tag date to the 1920s. Hampden-Sydney students, faced with boredom due to the prohibition of alcohol that swept the nation, were forced to use their surroundings, and come up with a way to pass the time. The solution manifested itself in the earliest form of taser tag, which used large sticks instead of tasers. This rudimentary form of the game had no point system, with participants striking each

other in the back of the head with a stick purely for comedic effect. Rutherford Jarvis '24 is credited as the first person to be “tagged” in this long-lasting game, with many students remembering the large bump that became a permanent fixture of his head due to repeated trauma across his tenure at the college. Eventually, a tracking system was introduced to make sure one person was not getting repeatedly injured throughout the day, however this eventually morphed into the point system that seems to ignore the prospect of injury.



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POLITE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE VOICES IN YOUR HEAD

THE VOICE IN YOUR HEAD
HE'S REAL I SWEAR

Have you ever been approached by someone who wanted to offer you a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, like a revolutionary science project? Did the proposition leave you flabbergasted and unable to formulate a response? Did your confusion only increase when you discovered the voice was only in your mind and not tied to a physical entity? Well, fear not, my friends! If you responded “yes” to any of the above

questions—especially the last one—then allow me to put your minds at ease. In today's article, I'll be listing a few tips for making the most out of your time with these disembodied voices.

Rule Number One: always make the voice feel comfortable. If you can't, it may never want to come back, and then you'll never get to learn the secrets it has to offer you. So invite it in, show it to a comfy chair, and pour it a cup of coffee. And always make sure it's hot, not iced. We don't want to

see anyone get brain freeze, now do we? Additionally, you could always get things started with a bit of small talk. Ask the voice how its day is going, or what brought it to your area. If you can show an interest in what the voice wants and not just full the space with your own ramblings, you'll make yourself that much more appealing as a conversation partner, which will put your “guest” more at ease. And that leads me into my second point.

Rule Number Two: don't talk, just listen. Think of

how you would feel if someone kept interrupting you when you were trying to make a very important sales pitch. Remember, if you want respect, you have to give it in turn. So hold your questions until the end. Don't shift the discussion to yourself, or you'll be wasting the voice's precious time. The least you can do for it is let it get through its initial spiel without being interrupted by your random chatter. This voice may not belong to a human, but it still deserves to be shown basic human decency.

And with that, finally, we've come to **Rule Number Three:** maintain an atmosphere of civility at all times. As a host, be calm and collected, and show your willingness to listen even if you don't accept what you're being offered. After all, what's the worst that can happen when you let a mysterious unknown voice set up shop inside your brain? Either way, though, always remain polite and cordial, whether you wind up turning the voice down or accepting its suggestion

of a joint venture. At the end of the day, indulging the voices that come to you in your moments of quiet can lead to some very interesting mental encounters. Perhaps your inner thoughts will become clearer as a foreign influence forces you to examine them with some objectivity. Perhaps you will learn about some exciting opportunity that's too good to pass up. Perhaps you will be given the chance to be part of some grand work that contributes

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SPARE PARTS (CONCLUSION)

POLITE CONVERSATION WITH VOICES IN YOUR HEAD, CONT'D

something valuable to humanity. Think about it. Just for taking a few moments to establish a real connection with another being, you might reap the benefits of fame and fortune for the rest of your life.

After all, why shouldn't these voices be given a fair hearing? What's the worst that could happen? Everything will be fine ... right?

The Hampden-Sydney Tiger is not responsible for any damages that may occur due to weird science prompted by strange voices. We are very aware that it is indeed Greek Week, but please utilize discretion and common sense.

GUEST ETIQUETTE, CONT'D

You know that the answer to any question is not going to be just “yes” or “no.” If you have positioned yourself well upon arrival, departure is easy. From the Crawley lounge or the rear at Bortz you can head for the exit. I you have been so unwise as to seat yourself on the main floor at Crawley or in the front at Bortz, your departure needs to be more plausible; look like you are desperate to get to the toilet. Whether Crawley or Bortz, depart quietly and excuse yourself to anyone you climb over; be a gentleman even in escape.

to do; its an act of charity if you really think about it.

Conclusion: I hope this helps resolve some matters upon which there seems to be common confusion. Remember that in shared public spaces, being as inconsiderate as possible is the goal of every gentleman. As a final note: ripping the bathroom doors of their hinges doesn't have to remain the purview of the extremely intoxicated, you too can cause wanton property damage for no reason. Keep that in mind next time you visit the facilities at HSC. I wish you all the best of luck in your fecal futures.

TOILET ETIQUETTE, CONT'D

TASER TAG, CONT'D

that we institute pantless rules! Every day of the week, men should be mandated to remove their trousers so as to allow for greater mobility and increased production. Although I may be ridiculed for this stance and unfairly oppressed like so many luminaries throughout history, that is my cross to bear; and, for the greater good of mankind, bear it I shall.

The introduction of the taser into this game was a genius idea by Jeffrey McDaniels '79. While it was fun seeing your fellow Hampden-Sydney man cry out in pain as they took a stick to the head, the game needed a modern twist for the sake of variety. When introduced, the taser gave a much more comic reaction that revitalized the game in the eyes of the incoming generation of students. The legacy of the Taser Tag continues today, most prominently in the Carpenter X Dormitory. Students revel in the shock of getting tazed and tazing one another, building some of the strongest bonds in the brotherhood. This game is a part of the larger story of Hampden-Sydney and represents the broader connection between all of us. It truly is a one-of-a-kind game for a one-of-a-kind institution.

MANNERS & ADMISS, CONT'D

tioning this (e.g., his attending Harvard in the fall) is being done purely to attract students rather than a celebration of his accomplishment (e.g., Harvard Law). 6. Ensure that you greet each person you pass while accompanying a potential student across campus. Every student, staff member, and sharply dressed faculty you pass and greet will demonstrate our campus' sense of community and genteel communication. Slovenly-dressed faculty pose a challenge; the gentleman should still greet them, but an inquiry about one's gardenias or the state of the lawns may assist in creating the gentle impression to potential students that you are passing a groundskeeper. 7. Remember to avoid using your Devices while escorting a potential student. If you must take a call or a text, gently beg your guest's pardon and step away several feet if you need to make an immediate response. Explain to your guest why you needed to take that call: this helps to explain to them that they are important, and that there were pressing, immediate reasons you needed to communicate. Tablets, phones, and laptops have no place interrupting polite conversation — save your devices for the classroom when you find a need to ignore your professor's lecture. 8. Seek to be genuine when talking to prospective students. Do you share interests in sports, music, or hobbies? Then look to find common ground. If Admission has placed you with an obvious nerd, then do not be cruel — a trip through Pauley should find some STEM major you can pass them to. 9. Polite attention to a prospective student extends to that student's parents — and more. Remember that the kinds of activities a gentleman might enjoy discretely on the Hill may not resonate with an anxious parent. 10. A gentleman never allows a potential Sydney man to leave with a copy of a *Swagalog*. Disposal in a discrete trash can will do the prospect, the College, and your nerves a refreshing tonic.

daily, so there's a good chance it will be mulch before too long anyway. **The Authorities Will Accost You** You probably thought the same thing when you had your first drink at the ripe old age of fifteen. Oh, at the very second that alcohol touches your lips, police cars will converge on your location, SWAT troopers will rappel in with rifles set to automatic, and your mother will appear behind you with wooden spoon in tow. But did any of those things happen, dear reader? No! In fact, you probably had a lovely time - a lovely time that likely ended with you facedown, butt-naked in a trash can with only a pair of misappropriated black sneakers marking where your legs stopped and the rest of the world began - but a lovely time nonetheless. This will be no different. As long as you are calm, cool, and collected, you'll get through this, piece of cake!

ZYNS DISPOSAL, CONT'D

FACULTY DRESS, CONT'D

MEETING PEOPLE, CONT'D

1) **Head Nod** An excellent, non-verbal greeting for when you are in a hurry. The head nod serves as a quick acknowledgement of an old chum.

Note: This should not be confused with the headnod(down)used for acquaintances. The head nod up is an infinitely more familiar gesture.

2) **Bro (+ variations)** Bro is a classic greeting which can be used to great effect when encountering old friends. In the interest of appearing fresh, the modern gentleman should keep many variations of “bro” in his arsenal. Some of my personal favorites are: Bruh, Broski, Bra, Brotato Chip, Brosef Stalin, Brotisserie Chicken, Bro Mama, Bro Biden, Brotein Shake, Bromato Soup, Broccoli, Wolfgang Amadeus Brozart, Seth Brogan, Bromine, Bromine-Oxygen compound, BrOdysseus, Broseidon, Brohemi-an Rhapsody, Brosephine, Otto Von Brosmark, and Napoleon Bronaparte.

3) **Stare at your phone** A tactful choice for those wishing to avoid any sense of camaraderie or personal connection. Simply stare at your phone and scroll meaninglessly through a random app while paying only partial attention to the conversation your friend may or may not be attempting to make with you.

Meeting a Woman: Do NOT do this. Women are very scary. Contact with an unfamiliar woman should be avoided at all costs.

Conclusion: And that should about wrap it up. The modern gentleman has a difficult time navigating the complex world of etiquette, but hopefully this guide should clear up some confusion on a very relevant subject. Remember: the simple firm handshake no longer cuts it, keep this guide in mind and you'll be ready to move in the highest of circles with ease.

A faculty member may own a pair for gardening, but never for the office. 3. A quality t-shirt is a useful undergarment, but avoid the temptation to wear one as workwear. This is particularly true when the t-shirt in question involves bands that debuted after the 1950s, political exhortations, cartoon characters, or depictions of violence. 4. Short-sleeved dress shirts are acceptable for factory foremen or a casual outing, but not for the classroom. 5. Professional business attire no longer requires the necktie, although as a traditional institution faculty at H-SC might well adopt its use. Neckties, however, should not be decorated with images of cartoon characters, graphic violence, satanic imagery, or similar *lumpen* iconography. In addition, the Cavendish, Hanover, and Windsor knots are quite acceptable but the Atlantic is most certainly not. 6. While faculty at the College may be filled with nostalgia for the days in graduate school they thought their careers would excel, this should not extend into their teaching wardrobe. Hipster trilbies, goth jackets, or militia taticool should play no part in a faculty member's wardrobe. Traditionally, the Hampden-Sydney professor took his lead from the revered George Brummel: simple, conservatively colored tailored clothing. Given Virginian weather, male faculty should possess both a summer wardrobe of woven Panama, tropical worsted wool, linen, or seersucker. Match this with quality woollens for the cold. Linen or cotton shirts, gentlemen's hats, and the handkerchief re-

main the accessories of choice, But the gentleman has much more discretion with undergarments, and do not hesitate to be bold in your choices! What quality of fashion should the faculty member wear? While the gentleman should reasonably look to classic styles by Armani or Burberry, the reality of the Hampden-Sydney faculty member is that the College administration is unaware of inflation, and the faculty today earn less than one might suppose. The mannered student should thus consider appropriate advice to your instructors, such as the better class of thrift store in Richmond, or perhaps anonymous gifts of older but serviceable pieces being disposed of. The better sort of student club might consider organizing “clothe the faculty in need of fashion” boxes on campus.